

EAST COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of January 6, 2010

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

Members Present: Bill Strassberger (Chair); Marva Deskins (Vice Chair); Anthony Ramirez (Secretary); Eric G. Luedtke (Parliamentarian); Thomas J. Aylward; Kim Bobola, Ph.D.; Amjad M. Chaudhry, G. Stanley Doore; David M. Kochanski, Esq.; Peter Myo Khin; Allan Mulligan; Alfreda H. Payne, Ph.D.; Odessa Shannon; Saschane M. Stephenson; Benoy Thomas

Members Absent: Vanessa E. Ali

Staff: Joy Nurmi, (Director); Chuck Crisostomo (Asst. Director) and Anjoo Chohda (SEAA, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center)

Guests: Steve Silverman (Director, Department of Economic Development, Montgomery County); Jonathan Genn (Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Percontee Inc.); Robert Jepson (Executive director of public strategy and communications, Washington Adventist Hospital); Delegate Herman Taylor (District 14, Montgomery County); Maura Lynch (State Attorney's Office, Montgomery County) Lisa G. Portnoy (Resident); Glenn R. Kreger (Maryland Park and Planning Commission); Mara Parker (Staff, Councilmember Marc Elrich's office); Pam Saul (Staff, Sen. Rona Kramer; District 14, Montgomery County); Naomi Bloch (Staff, Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg's office); Kristin O'Connor (Senior Planner, M-NCPPC); Tom McNamara (President, GCCA); Jennifer Wright (Burtonsville PTA); Mark Pharaoh (ECRAB); Mark Doore (Resident); Chris Bradbury (Resident); Lucretia Bartley (President, HOA, Greencastle Manor II); Ayana Lambert, Esq., Corporate Counsel, Percontee. Inc. Diane Schwartz Jones (Montgomery County Office of County Executive); Lisa Tate (Maryland Planning Commission); Jeanette Der Bedrosian (Gazette reporter).

Chair Strassberger welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

Citizen's Forum: Asked the guests to introduce themselves and share their concerns with the board. The floor was opened for questions.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Chair Strassberger – announced presentations by Montgomery County Department of Economic Development, Percontee Inc. and Washington Adventist Hospital.

Speakers

1. Steve Silverman, Director, Department of Economic Development, Montgomery County

Mr. Silverman gave an overview of the vision, mission and efforts of the Department of Economic Development, the current employment situation in the County and the loss of 14,000 jobs due to economic crisis. He noted that the County Executive will release the County's Capital Budget next week on January 15th. Highlighted development in the East County:

- a. Food and Drug Administration – will continue its expansion. The FDA is in the process of executing a lease for 52,000 square feet of commercial space in White Oak off campus. Several buildings meet its criteria and there is an opportunity to fill empty spaces with employment.
- b. Washington Adventist Health Care – locating in East County will increase employment here.
- c. Percontee Inc. – mentioned the role of company and its significance to life sciences economic development in east county.
- d. East County Technology Center – due to litigation, the selection of a developer is on hold until the legal process is resolved. A court decision is expected by this summer/early fall
- e. Burtonsville Crossing – The County Executive is concerned about the vitality of that Center and has Economic Development to work with the property managers to identify economic opportunities.
- f. White Oak Shopping Center – Starbucks, Blockbuster Video, Pearle Vision Center, Rite Aid Pharmacy have moved out. Walgreens is arriving and the County is working with them. Members are welcome to share their suggestions with the Department of Economic Development.

2. Jonathan Genn, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Percontee Inc.:

Gave an introduction. Displayed a map and showed a DVD presentation of the planned life sciences development at Percontee. Percontee is one of several companies owned by the Gudelsky family, one of the region's largest developers. Their vision is to create a place for people to live and work and have a great time in the eastern part of the county.

The LifeSci Village concept began in 2004, soon after the Food and Drug Administration began building their new campus at the Federal Research Center in White Oak. It would incorporate the East County Center for Science and Technology, making the combined 290-acre site a series of "neighborhoods," each with a different mix of uses. A "north neighborhood," closer to existing office parks along Tech Road, would house predominantly commercial and light industrial activities. An "east neighborhood," across from the Riderwood Village retirement community along Cherry Hill Road, would mostly contain housing. Between them would be a "village center" with housing, offices and retail. The Life Sci Village is anticipated to open by end of 2010.

The floor was opened for suggestions, questions and answers.

3. Robert Jepson, Executive Director of Public Strategy and Communications, Washington Adventist Hospital

Thanked the Board for allowing a presentation. Gave an overview of how the hospital will partner with the FDA and create a number of economic development opportunities in the East County.

The floor was opened for suggestions, questions and answers.

Chair Strassberger – Thanked the Speakers for their presentations.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Strassberger asked for a review of the minutes of the ECCAB Meeting of December 2nd 2009.

[January 6th 2010-1] A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 2nd 2009. The motion was moved by Eric Luedtke; seconded by Tom Aylward and unanimously approved.

Director's Report – Joy Nurmi

The Director's report and attachments were emailed to the board.

Joy Nurmi highlighted the following items:

1. Board Retreat – scheduled on January 9th from 9:00 a.m. until noon.
2. The County Executive's Operating Forum will be held on January 12th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Center. The County Executive and the Office of Management and Budget will be present to discuss the operating budget and gather the public's views.
3. The Board, Committee and Commission meetings will be held with the County Executive in February to discuss the Board's operating budget priorities.
4. Asked committee chair/or designee to attend the County Executive's Operating Forum on January 12th to record citizen priorities and make a list. Asked to share at the February board meeting.
5. Martin Luther King Day is being celebrated on January 18th at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center with the Eastern Montgomery and Silver Spring Regional Services Centers. AFI will be showing: KING: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis at **11:00 a.m. and 1 p.m.** We expect approximately 10 non-profits to participate. ECCAB members will assist the non-profit organizations to set their table and help them put together goodie bags for handing out to potential volunteers. The Regional Centers will be providing the bags, labels and several items for the bags. The program will run until 5:00 pm.
6. The Board on Ethics and Open Meeting for Boards & Commissions meeting scheduled on January 20th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Executive Office Building in Rockville, Maryland.
7. IDA Sector Meeting – is scheduled on January 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. The March IDA Sector meeting will be held in the evening.

Chair's Report – Bill Strassberger

Annual Pot-Luck Retreat for the Board scheduled to be held on January 9th 2010 at the Center from 9:00 a.m-12:00 pm. Members are asked to attend. The final Agenda will be emailed.

Council's Report:**Dolly Kildee, Councilmember Nancy Navarro's Office**

Council has been in recess, not much to report. During the December 21st Snow Storm- County did a good job.

Mara Parker, Councilmember Marc Elrich's Office

1. Capital Improvements Program budget will be announced on January 15th.
2. The FY 2010 Savings Plan has been sent to the Council.
3. Recommendation on Tenant Working Group – Sligo Creek Advisory group.

4. Notice – February 3rd – Council will have a Town Hall Meeting regarding Youth - Outreach to the Middle and High school students. Meeting will be held at the Council Office Building in Rockville at 7:00 p.m. Council is conducting this meeting for the first time and expect a good response.
5. Ride Along – encouraged members to take a look into the program. You can volunteer up to six hours to travel with a police officer.

Committee Reports –

Outreach Committee: Amjad M. Chaudhry, Chair

The committee discussed on the topic of Martin Luther King Day event. Religious groups are interested in speaking with the board on Disaster Preparedness.

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee: Tom Aylward, Chair

The committee discussed issues regarding the business revitalization plans in Burtonsville.

Services Committee: Anthony Ramirez, Chair

1. Committee plans to attend the IDA Sector meeting on January 21st
2. Committee plans on inviting Citizen and HOA groups at the Committee meetings and hear what their concerns are.

Joy Nurmi – County Executive is looking at forming a Youth Advisory Group for all five Regional Services Centers. Encouraged the Board to assist with this new initiative.

Old Business: None

New Business - None

Announcements –

G. Stanley Doore - talked about the Laptop Learning in the Country.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40p.m. **The next meeting of ECCAB is scheduled for February 3, 2010.**

ATTACHMENT

Director's Report – January 2010 (emailed members)

Reminder: East County Citizens Advisory Board Retreat on January 9th – Join your fellow Board members here at the East County Regional Services Center for a potluck brunch and retreat. Agenda will be available at the ECCAB meeting on January 6th.

Save the Date – January 12th at 7 p.m. County Executive's Operating Budget Forum – The East County Regional Services Center will host the County Executive's presentation on the Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget.

MLK Day on January 18th – The ECCAB is partnering with the Silver Spring Regional Services Center to have a volunteer drive for East County and Silver Spring non-profit organizations on MLK Day at the AFI Theatre. I will provide complete details by email to all ECCAB members as they become available.

H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

County to Hold H1N1 Clinics for All County Residents; FREE Doses Available by Appointment for Clinics in January 2010

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will offer FREE H1N1 clinics for all Montgomery County residents at locations throughout the county during January 2010. Both nasal spray and injectable vaccine will be available, and vaccinations are free.

Make appointments on Mondays—January 4, 11 and 25—from 1 to 4 p.m. by calling the flu appointment line at 240-777-4040.

The clinics will be held:

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Marilyn J. Praisner Library (Fairland)
4 to 7 p.m.
14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

Thursday, January 7, 2010

Rockville Library
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Davis Library
4 to 7 p.m.
6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda

Germantown Health Center
8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.
12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

White Oak Library

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Gaithersburg Library

3 to 6 p.m.

18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Damascus Library

4 to 7 p.m.

9701 Main Street, Damascus

Davis Library

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Marilyn J. Praisner Library (Fairland)

4 to 7 p.m.

14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Germantown Library

1 to 4 p.m.

19840 Century Blvd., Germantown

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Wheaton Library

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

11701 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Rockville Library

5 to 8 p.m.

21 Maryland Ave., Rockville

Clinics will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather based on the Montgomery County Public Schools schedule. If schools have delayed opening, clinics that begin before 12 noon will be cancelled. If school is cancelled, clinics will be cancelled.

Check Montgomery County's website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu, for up-to-date information about vaccine availability and sign up for email updates about H1N1 by clicking on the "Public Health Alerts" icon. The Flu Information Line—240-777-4200—is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Burtonsville Business District – ECRSC held a meeting on Dec. 11 with Sen. Rona Kramer, a representative from Councilmember Navarro’s office, County DOT, DED, DHCA and SHA to discuss Rt. 28/198 through Burtonsville business district. The aim is explore options on how SHA’s future plans for Rt. 198 can help mitigate the impact of the Rt. 29/Rt. 198 grade separated interchange on small businesses there. SHA was extremely amenable to working with Sen. Kramer and the County to achieve this goal. DHCA, DOT, myself and SHA Assistant District Engineer Kate Mazzara will be meeting shortly to discuss some possible short term options. Longer term solutions will require the County to move this section of Rt. 28/198 higher up in its transportation priority list. Also the project must be put back into the State’s Capital budget to achieve any design changes.

IDA Sector meeting reminder - the next meeting is January 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Eastern County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.

Another REMINDER:

**Ethics and Open Meetings Act Training
for Boards, Committees, and Commissions
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
EOB Lobby Auditorium**

The Offices of the County Executive will offer **Ethics and Open Meetings Act** training for **staff liaisons and members** of all Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs) on **Wednesday evening, January 20, 2010, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, in the EOB Lobby Auditorium**. The training will be presented by the County Attorney’s Office.

Training will cover the County Ethics Law and State Open Meetings Act. BCC members who have not previously attended this or the quasi judicial training, or who want a refresher course, are encouraged to attend.